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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 2, 2003

APPLICANT: Heismann et al GROUP ART UNIT: 2827
SERIAL NO.: 10/085,302 EXAMINER: T. Dink
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INVENTION: "PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD ARRANGEMENT"

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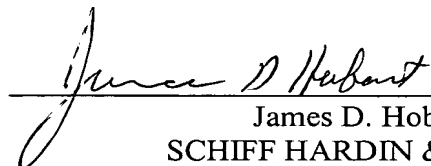
The Office Action of October 2, 2003, which set a one-month period for response, required an election of species between Species I of Fig. 2 and Species II of Fig. 3.

To respond to this requirement, applicants elect Species I, which is the species of Fig. 2. It is submitted that independent claim 1 as well as claims 2 and 4-15 read on the elected species of Fig. 2. It is also submitted that claims 1, 2 and 4-15 are generic to both species.

It is noted that the Office Action does not acknowledge receipt of the priority document or the Information Disclosure Statement with the eight references attached thereto, which were filed in the Patent Office on February 28, 2002. In the event the Examiner does not have the Information Disclosure Statement, it is requested that applicants be advised so that a second copy can be provided.

In view of the above election, it is respectfully submitted that the application is ready for examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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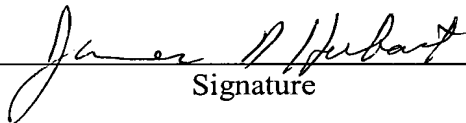


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